

**ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**  
**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION: MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

SEPTEMBER 2019	3	<b>PETITION CIRCULATION:</b> First day to circulate petitions for established political parties with the exception of Presidential, delegates, and alternate delegates (90 days before last day to file).
OCTOBER 2019	5	<b>PETITION CIRCULATION:</b> First day to circulate petitions for established political party Presidential, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates. *Pending approval of state's delegate selection plan.
NOVEMBER 2019	25	<b>CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS:</b> First day for established political parties with the exception of Presidential, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates to file nomination papers.
DECEMBER 2019	2	<b>CANDIDATE FILING ENDS:</b> Last day for established political parties with the exception of Presidential, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates to file nomination papers.
	9	<b>OBJECTIONS:</b> Last day to file objections to nominating petitions for the November 25 - December 2, 2019 filing period.  <b>INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES:</b> Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices during the November 25 – December 2, 2019 filing period.
	11	<b>LOTTERY:</b> Last day to conduct lottery for November 25 - December 2, 2019 filing period (conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing).
	16	<b>REFERENDA:</b> Last day to file petition for public question (Exception: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code).  <b>SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING BEGINS:</b> First day for established party judicial candidates for vacancies occurring during November 11-December 2, 2019.

DECEMBER 2019	18	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-APPLICATION:</u></b> First day for any registered voter within the boundaries of the U.S. to make application by mail or in person to the Election Authority for an official ballot (90 days prior to primary).
	23	<b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING ENDS:</u></b> Last day for established party judicial candidates for vacancies occurring during November 11-December 2, 2019 filing period.
	30	<b><u>REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS:</u></b> Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding and advisory public questions.  Last day for county, municipal, school, township, and park boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution.
	31	<b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL OBJECTIONS:</u></b> Last day to file objections to petitions from the special judicial filing period (December 16-23).  <b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES:</u></b> Last day for judicial candidates to withdraw when two or more incompatible petitions are filed during either filing period.
JANUARY 2020	2	<b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL LOTTERY:</u></b> Last day to conduct lottery for special judicial filing period.  <b><u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE, DELEGATE, AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE FILING BEGINS:</u></b> First day for Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference and delegate candidates to file original petitions (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.
	3	<b><u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE, DELEGATE, AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE FILING ENDS:</u></b> Last day for Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference and delegate candidates to file original petitions (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.
	9	<b><u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u></b> Last statutory day for established party candidates to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections.  <b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u></b> Certification of ballot by State Board of Elections to Election Authority.

JANUARY 2020	10	<p><b><u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES:</u></b> Last day to withdraw for Presidential Preference candidates who have filed for two or more incompatible offices.</p> <p><b><u>OBJECTIONS TO PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE PETITIONS:</u></b> Last day to file objections to petitions filed by Presidential Preference candidates.</p>
	13	<b><u>BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY:</u></b> Last day to conduct lottery for Presidential Preference, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates.
	15	<p><b><u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u></b> Last day for established party candidates to withdraw in the office of the county clerk.</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u></b> Last day for the county clerk to certify to the boards of election commissioners the names of all candidates in said board's jurisdiction.</p>
	16	<b><u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:</u></b> Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate.
	27	<b><u>EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE:</u></b> Last day for election authority to provide State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and hours.
	31	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA:</u></b> Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians.
FEBRUARY 2020	6	<p><b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> First day for mailing or delivery of vote by mail ballot.</p> <p><b><u>EARLY VOTING-OFFICE OF ELECTION AUTHORITY:</u></b> First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority.</p>
	18	<b><u>CLOSE OF REGISTRATION:</u></b> Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority.

	<b>19</b>	<b><u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING:</u></b> First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.
<b>MARCH 2020</b>	<b>2</b>	<b><u>EARLY VOTING-PERMANENT POLLING PLACES:</u></b> First day of early voting for counties that have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority.
	<b>9</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA:</u></b> Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, nonresident civilians, and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for a vote by mail ballot.
	<b>12</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> Last day for the election authority to receive application for vote by mail ballot from any registered voter.
	<b>16</b>	<b><u>EARLY VOTING:</u></b> Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose.  <b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot.
	<b>17</b>	<b><u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING:</u></b> Last day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

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**GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

MARCH 2020	24	<b>PETITION CIRCULATION:</b> First day to circulate petitions for independent and new political party candidates (90 days before last day to file petition).
MAY 2020	3	<b>JUDICIAL RETENTION:</b> Last day for judges seeking retention in office to file a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State.  <b>PUBLIC QUESTION-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:</b> Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution (minimum of 363,813 signatures).
	4	<b>PUBLIC QUESTION-STATEWIDE ADVISORY:</b> Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of elections (minimum 363,813 signatures).
JULY 2020	13	<b>NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING BEGINS:</b> First day for petition filing for independent and new political party candidates.
	20	<b>NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING ENDS:</b> Last day for petition filing for independent and new political party candidates.
	27	<b>OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS:</b> Last day for filing objections to nomination papers for independent and new party candidates who filed July 13 – July 20, 2020.  <b>INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES:</b> Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices during the July 13 – July 20, 2020 filing period.
	29	<b>LOTTERY:</b> Last day to conduct lottery for the July 13 – July 20, 2020 filing period.

AUGUST 2020	3	<b><u>REFERENDA:</u></b> Last day to file a petition for public question (Exception: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code).
	5	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-APPLICATION:</u></b> First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to make application by mail or in person for an official vote by mail ballot.
	17	<b><u>REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS:</u></b> Last day for local governing boards to adopt resolution or ordinance for binding public questions to appear on the ballot.  Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township, and Park Boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution.
	21	<b><u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u></b> Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections.  <b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u></b> Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the General Election ballot.  Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy.
	26	<b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u></b> Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted for in its jurisdiction.
	27	<b><u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u></b> Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk.  <b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u></b> Last day for county clerk to certify general election ballot and issue a copy to the State Board of Elections.  Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision.  Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in its jurisdiction.

SEPTEMBER 2020	3	<b><u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</u></b> : Last day a person may file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority.
	14	<b><u>LEGISLATIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION</u></b> : Last day each legislative and representative committee shall meet and organize.  <b><u>STATE PARTY CONVENTION</u></b> : Last day for established party to hold a state party convention.  <b><u>SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING</u></b> : Last day for election authority to provide State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and hours.
	18	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA</u></b> : Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians.
	24	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL</u></b> : First day for election authority to mail an official ballot to voters upon request.  <b><u>EARLY VOTING</u></b> : First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations.
OCTOBER 2020	6	<b><u>CLOSE OF REGISTRATION</u></b> : Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority.
	7	<b><u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING</u></b> : First day for grace period registration, voting or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose.
	19	<b><u>EARLY VOTING-PERMANENT POLLING PLACES</u></b> : First day of early voting for counties that have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority.

OCTOBER 2020	26	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA:</u></b> Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, nonresident civilians, and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot.
	29	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail from any registered voter.
NOVEMBER 2020	2	<b><u>EARLY VOTING:</u></b> Last day for early voting.  <b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot.
	3	<b><u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING:</u></b> Last day for grace period registration and voting.